

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 10th 1999

Silent Key

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death on Monday September of Ann Copestake GW4YSV wife of Bob GW3LFC and mother of Wendy GW6MUP Anne was a regular user of the Dublin repeater and had visited Dublin a number of times to meet up with the many friends she had made over the years.

Many older users of the Dublin repeater will remember the long QSOs every mid morning which were to become known as the 'gardening hour'.

Ann was a beautiful person with a great sense of humour and all who knew her will mourn her passing.

On behalf of the EI amateur community we extend our deepest sympathy to Bb GW3LFC and his family.

(Thanks to Charles EI2EM)

42nd World Scout Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

This year JOTA and JOTI will be held over next weekend the 16th and 17th of October. JOTI stands for jamboree on the internet.

This being the last such event of the Millennium every possible effort should be made to get operational for the weekend.

We would ask Radio Amateurs to make the first move and contact their local or regional Scout organisation and offer their services.

We expect all the regular stations to be operational from Galway, Mayo, Dublin, Cork, Kerry and Waterford.

Please remember to send a report on the weekend's activity to the National JOTA Organiser, Pat EI9EZ at QTHR, E-Mail ei9ez@esatclear.ie or telephone 058-52295, so that you can be included in the International JOTA report.

Tir Conaill Radio Club AGM

The Tir Conaill Radio Club AGM was held on Wednesday the 29th of September in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey.

The meeting was well attended by members from GI and EI.

The committee for the coming year is as follows:

President - Frank EI6EI: Chairman - Domhnall EI6GS Vice Chairman - Frank EI6EI:
Secretary - Robert GI0EEC Assistant Secretary - Leo EI6IT: Treasurers - Martin
EI8GP & Joe SWL. IRTS Rep - Ken EI4DW: PRO and Ofigeach na Gaeilge -
Domhnall EI6GS.

The Tir Conaill Radio Club is holding its Christmas party in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey on Saturday the 11th of December.

Tickets costing £15 are available from Ken EI4DW QTHR or on the phone at 074-31109.

The Tir Conaill Radio Club meets in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey on the last Wednesday night of each month at 8.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Cork Repeater AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Cork Repeater Group was held on Saturday September the 25th.

The meeting reviewed another successful year with both the 2 metre and 70 centimetre repeaters working well. The 70 centimetre repeater was moved from the north side of Cork City to a new location at Spur Hill and is now providing much better coverage.

The Treasurer John EI6AK reported that the group is on a sound financial footing.

The committee elected for the coming year is as follows;

Chairman - Mike EI2IB; Secretary - Fr. Finbarr EI1CS; Treasurer - John EI6AK;
Repeater Keeper - Tony EI2CV Committee members: Anthony EI2HY, Albert EI7II
and Jim EI8GS.

AREN to Supply Back-up Communications to South Eastern Health Board.

AREN has received an official request from the South Eastern Health Board's Y2K Committee to supply back-up communications to the Board during the critical

millennium crossover.

The Health Board is concerned to provide contingency communications in the event of any possible failure to their existing systems for any reason. A meeting with AREN is planned to take place shortly, following which more details will be available. In view of the size of the task AREN is appealing for assistance from experienced operators, though they may not wish to be full time members. Further information will be broadcast on the Radio News.

In the meantime, if you are willing to help, please contact the Acting AREN National Co-ordinator, Liam EI7FE at 33 Heywood Heights Clonmel, or on 052-22493, or by email at liamail@indigo.ie, as soon as possible. AREN operators should contact their local Co-ordinator immediately.

Dates for your Diary

Limerick Radio Club will meet on Thursday next October the 14th in the Institute of Technology, Moylish, Limerick, at 2000Hrs. All members are urged to attend, as the programme for the coming year is the main item on the agenda. New members will be very welcome.

The Annual Scouts Jamboree On The Air will be held over next weekend 16th and 17th October. Further information from Pat EI9EZ QTHR.

The North Monaghan Hobby Radio and Computer Exhibition will be held this year on Sunday 24th October in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town. The Rally will open at 11.30 and run until 16.30. Talk-in will be on S22 between 1000 and 1400.

The North Wales Radio and Electronics Exhibition will take place in Llandudno on 6th and 7th November.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021 823150 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@eircom.net or to ei8ir@eircom.net. Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR, on the phone at 01-4509514 or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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